



Bluff Street Corridor Project

COMMUTING BY PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION

is linked to a lower risk of having high blood pressure, diabetes, and being overweight than commuting by car or bike.* To enhance the active transportation goals in the St George area, designers of the new Bluff Street Corridor Project have created a permanent SunTran Bus Stop on North Bluff Street near the Sunset Corners development. Initially, buses serving the Sunset and Ivins routes will use the new stop, but there is room for future growth.

"STATISTICS SHOW THE ST GEORGE MARKET IS

GROWING at 3% per year.

Which means mass transit use is set to explode over the next 20 years as more people move to the area and look to minimize their impact on local resources and live an active life," said Fred Davies, Transit Manager for St George City. "We are working to meet the community's mass transit needs over the coming years. Having this dedicated bus stop on North Bluff Street is an integral part of our Master Plan."

SunTran bus service began in 2003 with **65,000** riders per year. The number of citizens using SunTran has risen to over **450,000** annually.**

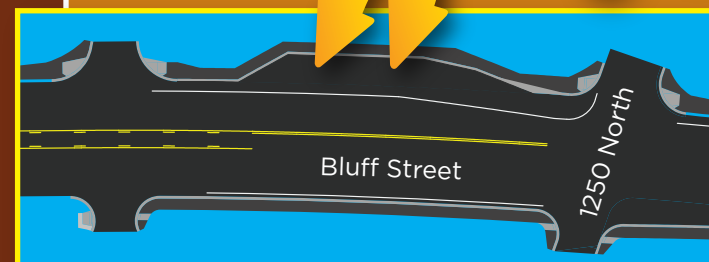
AS A SERVICE TO THE COMMUNITY, the Southern Utah Bicycle Alliance (SUBA) is working to raise enough money to add additional bike racks to the buses increasing the number of bike and ride users. In October of 2016 over 1145 cyclists hopped on a bus for part of their trip and statistics show others would have used the service if there had been an available bike rack on the bus.†

Enhancements to public transportation in the area include:

- *Dedicated bus stop on Bluff Street with shelters for riders,*
- *Addition of the new Pedestrian Box Culvert under Bluff Street increasing accessibility for riders*
- *Safe access to the trail systems and sidewalks connecting active citizens to the well-planned intersection which will improve the quality of life for our citizens in the St George area.*

The Bluff Street Corridor Project is an integrated improvement enhancing the way citizens connect and use the Bluff Street Corridor whether by auto, public transit, cycling or walking.

It costs **\$6,000.00** per year to maintain a compact car and over **\$11,000.00** to maintain a truck per year! A bus pass is only **\$360.00** per year! ††



Artist's representation

SOURCES:

- * <http://newsroom.heart.org/news/taking-public-transportation-instead-of-driving-linked-with-better-health?preview=cdf1>
- ** SunTran Annual Report, 2016
- † SunTran monthly report, October, 2016
- †† <http://newroom.aaa.com/tag/2015-your-driving-costs/>

